

# Strategy Huddle on Water

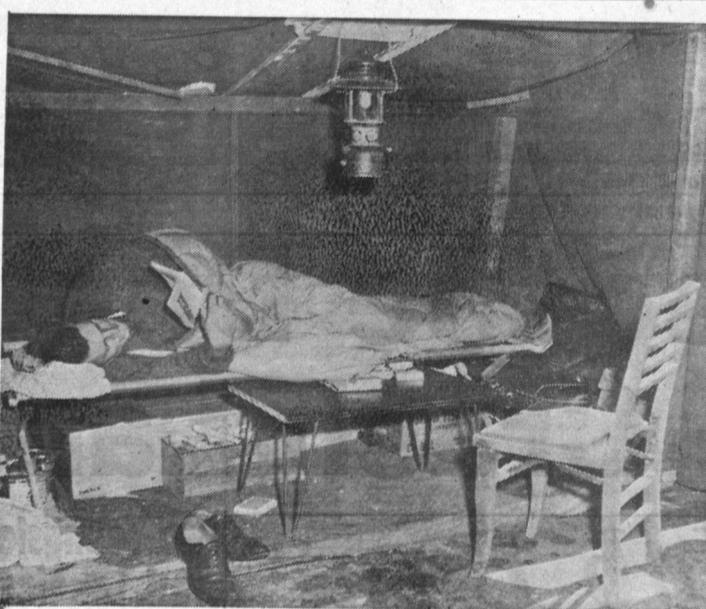
Representatives of the Torrance water department and the county engineer's office will speak on possible solution to the South Torrance water problem Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Howard School cafeteria.

Harold LaMour, president of the South Torrance Civic Improvement Association, said the speakers will outline how to improve the water service, which has resulted in an emergency building ban.

Lack of water pressure was cited by city officials for prohibiting new construction in the area. The low pressure has created a fire hazard, Fire Chief J. J. Benner reported.

The area in question is served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Companies Nos. 2 and 3.

Torrance officials have told residents at hearings that the probable solution would be to annex the privately owned companies to the city or county water departments.



**LONG WAIT**—Richard D. Bowers of Redondo Beach doesn't seem to mind the long wait until Sunday to get a special bargain in a bedroom suite at the Certi-Bond store. Bowers, who was fifth in line, has been making himself comfortable in a tent since 1:15 p. m. Wednesday. The Washington Birthday sale is a continuation of the Lincoln's Birthday event, which drew a crowd of 12,000, with some people waiting for 37 hours. The bedroom set is on sale for \$16. —Press Photo

# Isen Sees Vice Peril for City

Too many cabs may open the doors to vice conditions here.

So stated Mayor Albert Isen in opposing request for a permit by the newly formed Peninsula Cab Co. to operate in Torrance.

Despite the mayor's warning, councilmen approved granting the permit to Robert A. Marshall, contingent only on approval by Police Chief Percy Bennett.

"If the drivers can't make an honest living, they become procurers and bookies. You are opening doors to things I don't like," the mayor said.

Isen contended that the three companies now serving the city are sufficient, and if they can not handle the business, they should add cabs.

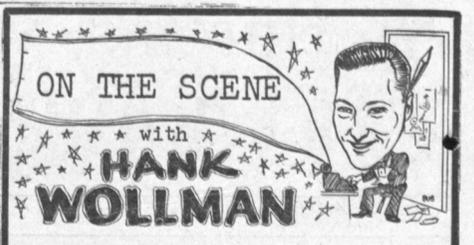
But Councilman Nicholas O. Drule argued that cab service in North Torrance has not improved since the last time an application was turned down.

Councilman George Bradford insisted that competition in the taxi business is no different than in operating machine shops.

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**TROPHY TIME**—Former Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, first winner, poses with Citizen of Year trophy to be awarded at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet March 4. The award is given to the individual who has contributed the most to the welfare of Torrance during 1958. Entry blanks are now available at the Chamber office. —Press Photo



Dixieland, with all its bounce and color, still holds forth at the Porpoise Room of the Marineland restaurant in Palos Verdes. Rosey McHargue and his red-hot musical group star nightly in this round room overlooking the Pacific.

Host George Foster sees to it that your dining and entertainment pleasure is at least on a par with the famous guest in the next building... Bubbles the whale in the aquarium... which is darn good.

Clear the highways... this is the week that Bob Barron, manager of the Jump 'n Jack in Torrance gets delivery on his new prestige car (can't say Cadillac). Thus, another subscription to Hot Rod magazine is cancelled!

Seriously though, Bob is greatly responsible for the fine success of this popular chuck wagon dining spot on 101 with its organ bar and Saturday fashion shows.

Rock 'n roll music has many fans... and they really brought the house down the other night at the Hitching Post on Western. Norman Brown and his hot group star there regularly now (after a Las Vegas tour) and their arrangement of "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," while marching around the dance floor plus some wild solos, really had the crowd whooping it up!

Yessiree, Jerry Duer's Hitching Post has caught on solid with the local dance fans since its new music policy a few months ago.

Most good chefs have one thing in common... great pride. And Dante, the owner of the Italian restaurant on Crenshaw is no exception. He is most proud of the wonderful reception his fabulous pizzas receive. Almost any night of the week you'll find someone standing by to take one of the combination specials home, while there's usually a big crowd at one of the tables demolishing a giant size house special made to order. (Dante has one customer in particular who orders only pastrami pizza). If you like pizza... proud pizza, try Dante's.

Pier avenue at the beach is one of Hermosa's busiest streets, but just a block up... at Thirteenth and the Strand is one of Hermosa's busiest dance floors. The South Pacific, featuring Lenny Cho and his Latin Continentals, offers local dance fans not only smooth cha-cha rhythms, but swing and rock 'n roll and that other step, the fox trot. Admittedly, waltzes are rare!

# Bridal Fashion Show Slated for Broadway Store

Bridal originals are presenting a fashion show at the Broadway-Dei Amo on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p. m. in the Gown Shop.

The show will feature beautiful bridal gowns and bridesmaid's dresses in such magnificent fabrics as nylon organza, Alencon, Venise or Chantilly lace, embroidered organza and tulle. The new styles are designed for both formal and informal weddings with floor and chapel length gowns, brush or sweep train styles and the ever-popular ballerina length gowns in the collection.

# KEYSTONE HONOR POST

Royce E. Loshbaugh, 18422 Doty Ave., has been elected a member of the Mobil Management Association of General Petroleum Corporation. Loshbaugh is a junior engineer at the company's Torrance refinery.

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# Cite Porch Fall for Tot's Injury

A fall from a neighbor's porch was blamed for the critical injury of a youngster, at first believed to be the victim of a hit and run driver.

Darrel Anthony Almanza, 4 1/2 of 4239 W. 177th St., was rushed to Riviera Hospital for an emergency operation Tuesday night after he suffered a ruptured spleen and bruises on his body.

Because his clothing was dirt-caked and he had been observed playing in the street earlier, police investigated a possible traffic accident. They said that later a neighbor told them the boy fell from the porch.

The youngster was apparently straddling a fence when he slipped and cracked his side against a brick flower border. Doctors were surprised he managed to walk home in his condition. Darrel is recovering well, hospital officials said.



**PASSING THE TIME**—Engaged in a friendly card game are other early arrivals for the Cherry Tree sale who have been at the Certi-Bond store, 501 Arlington Ave., since Wednesday. They are, from left: Theodore Reasa, Los Alamitos; Dean Miller, Lomita; Richard Bowers, Redondo Beach, and Jane Cole of Long Beach. —Press Photo

# Police Hunt Piggy Bank Burglar in North Torrance

Police today hunted a piggy bank burglar who broke into four North Torrance homes Thursday night. Largest haul was made at the home of William Myers, of 4133 West 178th St., where the thief broke in through the rear door and took between \$20 and \$50 from a bank.

At the home of Bertha Unterberger, 4202 W. 177th St., he entered by removing a window screen, and took a \$10 bill from

a handbag and \$9.50 from a piggy bank, police said.

Lawrence Garman, of 4129 W. 179th St., said that entry into his home was gained by the back door. The burglar took \$150 from a bank and also broke into a gum machine.

Entry into the home of Raul Mignucci, 4106 W. 180th St., was gained by breaking a sliding glass door and cracking a piggy bank of an undetermined amount of cash, officers said.

A thief also entered the home of Charles Ray Smith, 804 Hickory St., where he stole a \$150 diamond ring, a \$50 watch and postage stamps, detectives said.

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